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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed February 15, 2002,  
reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for developing a state vector representing the meaning of a spoken query and forming an attribute, value pair for the state vector. As explained in the specification at page 6, lines 9 and 10, a state vector is a representation of the meaning of an utterance by the user. The state vector may be made up of attribute, value pairs. See page 19, lines 13, et seq. For example, in the query "When is X-Files on this afternoon?" the request is the "when" part of the query. The request is an attribute whose value is "when". Similarly, the query has a title attribute whose value is the "X-Files". Thus, each attribute, value pair includes a name and a value.

In contrast in the cited patent to Haddock, no state vector is formulated and no attribute value pairs are created. In

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